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OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

12 September 1962

General Carter:

Dick Helms and I suggest you get a White House initial on the attached memorandum for the record, and that you put this document and the more detailed draft action memorandum in your files.



W. Elder

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11 September 1962

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

It is understood that the Central Intelligence Agency is to be especially alert to any indications of an uprising in Cuba.

The Agency bears a particular responsibility to alert appropriate government officials of such indications and to take appropriate steps, where feasible, to bring its influence to bear to prevent incidents which might lead to uprisings.

The objective is to avoid the kind of bloody suppression which occurred in Hungary.



(President and Mr. Bundy directed this orally,  
at two different times → stated nothing  
in writing was needed —)



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# ACTION MEMORANDUM

## OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

Action Memorandum No. A-39

Date 7 September 1962

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TO : DD/P, ☐ DD/I

SUBJECT :

REFERENCE:

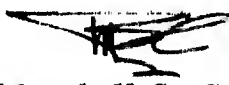
Higher Authority has directed that we maintain a sharp watch on all signs of preparations for internal uprisings in Cuba. We should take all appropriate steps to prevent sporadic, isolated uprisings which would clearly be unsuccessful or which we believe are purposely being provoked by the regime to permit a blood-letting crackdown. Such steps should be taken by us under the following circumstances:

- 1) When we are aware that refugee elements are cooking up an operation which could provoke uprisings which would be fruitless and provocative;
- 2) When we have word that isolated opposition elements in Cuba plan an uprising which we believe would only result in failure and a total crackdown by the regime.

We are to weigh planned operations and are to be particularly careful that an operation in itself will not trigger a forlorn uprising.

Please keep me advised of all our efforts in response to this directive, and, in particular, I want to be informed immediately if and when we have indications that uprisings, regardless of size and scope, are about to take place.

SUSPENSE DATE:

  
Marshall S. Carter  
Lieutenant General, USA  
Acting Director

cc: Executive Director